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17½-Year Sentence for Sexual Exploitation of Minors

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on May 24, 2010, **David M. Becker**, 38, formerly of Glen Ullin, North Dakota, presently at the North Dakota State Penitentiary, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of sexual exploitation of minors. Becker pleaded guilty to the charge on February 22, 2010.

Judge Hovland sentenced Becker to serve 17 years and six months in federal prison, to be followed by 15 years of supervised release. Becker was ordered to pay restitution of \$3,113.90 and to pay a \$100.00 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund. This sentence was ordered to run consecutively with the 25-year sentence Becker received for his convictions for continuous sexual abuse of a minor in Morton County, North Dakota. Becker was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

The incidents occurred from April 2003 through November 2008 when Becker produced visual depictions of a child engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Morton County State's Attorney, Morton County Sheriff's Department, and North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

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The United States Attorney's Office prosecuted this case under the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme prosecuted the case.

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